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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

AMANO, Masaharu et al.

Group Art Unit: **3671**

Serial No.: **09/725,314**

Examiner: **Nathan S. MAMMEN**

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For: **A BUCKET TOOTH AND PRODUCING METHOD OF SAME**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -
GROUP ART UNIT 3671**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 8, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.